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Convention passes almost 40 admendments

by Rachel Hoffman

Almost 40 amendments to the Student Body Constitution were passed Sunday at the constitutional convention.

The constitution has not been significantly altered for more than 20 years. The amendments now must go to the student body for ratification.

Issues such as reapportionment of senators, elimination of class presidents and addition of new representatives to the Student Senate were discussed.

Junior Tim Guyer proposed an amendment that would allow for more equal representation of students on the Senate. This amendment also eliminates class presidents.

One aspect of this amendment was heavily debated. Positions for representatives for non-traditional students, international students and the Cultural Awareness Organization would be created. Delegates opposed to this argued that members of these groups have adequate representation through their residence halls. Despite the objections, the amendment passed.

Junior Gerald C. Manke II proposed an amendment that required senators to hold floor meetings twice a month. Junior Julie Hanson said the idea was unrealistic. Junior Aaron Trachte responded by pointing out that only 30 minutes a month would be required, and that it was reasonable.

Manke said that students could be more easily involved with Senate issues if the amendment passed. The amendment failed.

An amendment restricting extra-curricular activities for Senate executives was passed. According to the amendment, Senate executives may not have a full-time internship or teaching position or be a resident assistant.

The convention also approved amendments that would:

- allow for write-in ballots if there are one or less candidates for a position.
- make an unexcused absense from any Senate function grounds for dismissal.
- clarify wording in the constitution.
- limit spending for student body president and vice-president campaigns.
- eliminate the position of student activities ombudsperson and replace it with a SAC liason.

Sophomore Andrew Howie, chair of the convention committee and academic ombudsperson, was happy with the results of the constitutional convention.

"I couldn't be more pleased," said Howie. "Everyone acted professionally and realized the importance of this convention."

According to Howie, the amendments could possibily go to the student body for ratification within three weeks. The Senate will decide this in its regular meeting Tuesday.

Nielson named head football coach, athletic director

Bob Nielson, a 1982 Wartburg College alumnus and the head football coach at Ripon College in Wisconsin, has been named athletic director and football coach here.

He succeeds John Kurtt, who has resigned as athletic director after 28 years in that position, and Don Canfield, who became the head football coach at St. Olaf College, Northfield, MN., in January. Kurtt, who came to Wartburg in 1961, will continue to teach in the Physical Education Department and serve as head baseball coach.

"John Kurtt has been an outstanding athletic director for nearly three decades," President Robert Vogel said, "but he has decided that he wants to devote his full attention to his first love, baseball and teaching. His service to the college has been marked by integrity, hard work and deep loyalty.

"Bob Nielson has the qualities that will continue to build on the athletic tradition that has been established at Wartburg by John Kurtt."

During Kurtt's tenure, Wartburg increased its intercollegiate athletic program from eight men's sports to 17 varsity and seven junior varsity men's and women's sports.

"The administration of those sports plus the cheerleading program, the management of facilities and coordination of events and the increased work involved with the NCAA takes a tremendous amount of time," said Kurtt, who also coached as many as three sports (assistant in baseball and basketball and head caoch in cross country) at one time in addition to teaching and serving as athletic director.

"I enjoyed all of those activities, but it is time to relinquish something, and I think this is a good time to bring in someone to take over the athletic director position," he said. "This doesn't mean that I'm retiring, but that I can devote more time to teaching and coaching."

Nielson, 31, has both coaching and administrative experience. In his two years at Ripon, he took a football program that last had a winning season in 1982 and coached it to a 7-2 record last fall.

Prior to taking over at Ripon, he was an assistant coach at Wartburg for eight years, serving the last two seasons as defensive coordinator.

Administratively, he was director of financial aid at Wartburg from 1984 to 1986, associate director of admissions and director of athletic recruiting from 1986 to 1987 and director of admissions from 1987 to 1989.

"Bob obviously has qualities that stand out," Kurtt said. "He is a proven administrator, and he turned the football program around at Ripon. He brings back to Wartburg a sound knowledge of its goals and traditions. He had a lot of responsibility here as an assistant coach, and his experience as a head coach eminently qualifies him to head our football program. He also is a proven recruiter."

Nielson earned his M.A. degree at the University of Northern Iowa in 1988.

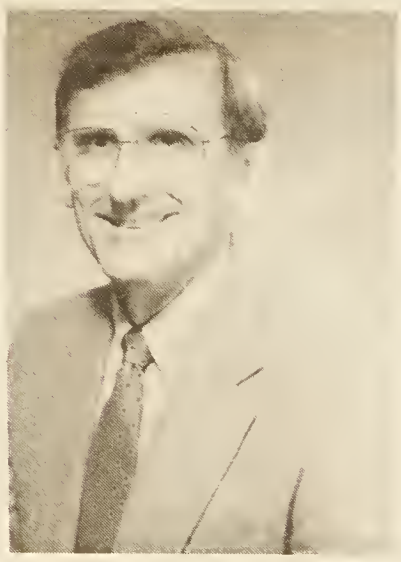
In the 28 years Kurtt served as athletic director at Wartburg, the Knights won 30 Iowa Conference championships; an eight-sport women's program was added; and an intercollegiate soccer program for both men and women was established.

Also, a Physical Education Center, including complete wrestling and weight facilities; lighted tennis courts and a 40-acre athletic area that includes practice facilities and Hertel Field, one of the Midwest's top baseball fields, were added to the physical plant; and the coaching staff, including adjuncts, grew to 27.

Kurtt takes pride in the fact that Wartburg is competitive in all of its athletic programs.

"We have consistenly competed for the Iowa Conference's all-sports trophies, and we have put an emphasis on sound athletic programs that are competitive but still for the student-athletes," he said. "I think our student-athletes have represented the institution and themselves with pride. The credit for this belongs to our coaches and particularly [the late] Dick Walker and Roger Bishop, both of whom headed our physical education department. We were always able to coordinate the two programs as one."

Bob Nielson



John Kurtt

Faculty expresses pessimism about war in the Gulf

Only a pessimistic scenario could be drawn about Desert Storm and its aftermath by a panel of four Wartburg College faculty members appearing before an all-campus convocation Thursday.

Participating were Arthur Frick, professor of art, who taught at the American University in Beirut, Lebanon, and who lived for more than 20 years in the Middle East; Dr. Bret Billet, assistant professor of political science; Lois Lindell, associate professor of economics; and Grant Price, executive-in-residence in the communication arts program and the former Vice President of News and Public Affairs at Black Hawk Broadcasting in Waterloo.

The four agreed there likely will be no lasting solution to the Arab-Israeli question so long as the Arabs are kept out of the negotiations, regardless of the outcome of the Persian Gulf war.

"There has been a war every seven years in the Middle East due to the failure to resolve the Palestinian question," Billet said, "and I see no reason for that to change unless everyone is involved in the negotiations, which is unlikely in light of recent history, especially since 1948."

All four agreed that the United States has and will continue to pay some high costs for its present policy, politically and economically and even in terms of its own freedom of expression.

"We spent a lot of our political capital and made some high-priced promises in order to get a favorable vote on the United Nations resolution to use arms if necessary in the Middle East," Billet said. "It meant a reversal of policy stands on human rights, drug trafficking and immigration concerns. It seems to me the Bush administration took the position that the ends justify the means."

He cited three case studies in which the United States reversed policies: the Soviet Union, China and Colombia. The Soviet Union and Colombia voted for the UN resolution and China abstained.

In the Soviet Union, Billet said the United States made economic promises despite the crackdown in the Baltic states, the difficulties imposed upon Soviet Jews who want to emigrate and the current cooperation between the KGB and the Soviet police.

In China, trials for sedition have started for those involved in the uprising that led to Tiananmen Square, yet the United States has indicated that human rights are no longer a concern and have set up some high level meetings to discuss economic cooperation.

In Colombia, the United States has supported the policy that drug kingpins can be tried in their own country and no longer extradited, despite the fact that the price of cocaine is dropping, which indicates an even greater influx of drugs into American society.

Billet also noted that the Persian Gulf conflict could have some unintended future consequences.

"We are throwing away an opportunity to build friends in the Middle East," he said, "and it appears we are discarding what Bush called 'A New World Order,' which I interpreted to mean a world of collective security. Iraq is the first test case. If we are serious about collective security, we would be putting our troops under the auspices of the United Nations, and we have not done that. The fall of Egypt may be on the horizon, and we are possibly building to a wider Israeli-Arab war."

Lindell said the costs of the war will go beyond the immediate price of gasoline and those associated with warfare.

"Who will pay for the environmental

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editorials

Compromise necessary to work with administration

The truth sometimes hurts. The truth is that Wartburg's Student Senate does not have much power in dealing with the administration. It has more power in dealing with the students and itself, but sometimes the Senate can only meet its ends by working with the college.

Senate was never meant to set campus policy by itself, though it was intended to voice student concerns to the administration. Nobody said the administration had to listen.

This year, the Senate had to deal with the administration in two major issues: Fall Term Break and the intervisitation policy. In one issue, a compromise brought change. In the other, students' progress is stalled without compromise.

Senator Andrew Howie found what the Educational Policies Committee would accept for a Fall Term Break and lobbied for that, rather than the usual four-day break. Many, perhaps, would have preferred the longer break, but lobbying for that would probably have led to no break at all.

The break we did get also serves as a "foot in the door" for the longer break, but pressing too hard might have brought a "door in the face."

The students wanted 24-hour intervisitation with escorts, according to the Senate's survey last term. Debbie Heida says the Board of Regents will not accept that. The Senate has done nothing yet to find a middle ground. This is one of the problems slowing Senate progress in dealing with intervisitation.

There are few Senate affairs left this year where this will matter, but it is still relevant. Student body presidents need to compromise too. In the upcoming elections, be wary of any candidate who promises unrealistic concessions from the school. Student government can move mountains—but it must move them *carefully*, a pebble at a time.

We want your views

Part of the Trumpet's purpose is to reflect the views of its readers. This is the first of a series of calls for those views.

This is Black History Month, and one reader has sent in a letter worrying about discrimination. Is this really a problem on campus? Have you experienced or seen racism, sexism, ageism or other discrimination or prejudice on campus? Or is this not a problem, or better left undiscussed?

If there is a problem, does the college deal with it well? What changes would you have made?

Your views would be appreciated by the paper as well as by other readers.

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Romanian lives show our blessings

When I think of Romania in April I can smell diesel fuel mixed with rain. I can feel the waves of the Black Sea lapping against my bare ankles. I think of the old man herding his sheep on the lawn of our resort. I think of bottles of Coke that cost 5 cents and bullet holes in the airport from the not-so-distant revolution. When I think about Romania in April, I think of people passionate about change. I think about Valentino and Telu.

Our guides met us at midnight Romanian time at the airport. We were all scared because the airport was a monolithic concrete building with guards posted everywhere. We couldn't communicate with them and many of us had never seen automatic weapons before. Or seventeen-year-old soldiers holding them. My first thought on seeing the guides was, "Why are these kids picking us up? Is this a trick? Are they going to steal our luggage?"

But Telu and Vally weren't kids. They were our age, and were attending the university in Bucharest. They

Piece of Mind

by Janice Hofer

were immediately warm and eager to help us. They told us it was okay to change money on the black market, where our dollars were worth 100 lei each, ten times the going rate. They brought cases of fruit drink for us at our concert and taught us how to open the bottles in doorjambs when we didn't have openers. And Vally, who learned English from American movies and television, helped me translate Baudelaire's poetry from Romanian to English. (The book was a gift from a lady in a shop. I admired it and she gave it to me, after inscribing it for me. The inscription before indicated that it had been a birthday gift to her.)

We found out before our week with Telu and Vally was over that they both were revolutionaries. It was obvious from the beginning where their loyalties were. They sold us a book about the revolution, full of gruesome photos and a passionate plea for freedom. They sold the book for $5 in American money, a fortune to them, to be used for the revolution. For us it was a small price to pay.

Both of these young men, our age, were determined to leave Romania, even though leaving is so difficult. Our group gave them a collection we had taken up of American dollars and Romanian lei to help their escape. They both had dreams and talents that they were determined to realize.

After we got back from our trip, things got worse in Romania. There was an earthquake and increased violence against students and revolutionaries. We worried and waited for letters.

The letters sounded hopeful at first. Telu and Vally both got out. Telu escaped to Holland, Vally to Spain. Unfortunately that wasn't the end of the struggle. They want to come to America—the "Land of Opportunity." And are having difficulties. The bureaucracy is incredible.

Telu's letters were full of hope, passion, but even a revolutionary's zeal wears thin. He had to stop writing one letter for a few minutes because it was raining outside... and in his room. He wrote from Holland:

"Some people asked me, down here, why I don't go and fight for democracy but when I ask them, they are even afraid of going on holyday to R. I'm not afraid, because I know that the only thing you feel, when you're out in the streets, is anger. But I am so tired! I spent all my life fighting not to loose my faith that something good is going to happen (like you say it will!?) and it's very hard for me to listen to them (while deep inside of their mind they are only happy that their not in my situation) judging me. Sorry I brought up this problem but it, somehow, has been on my mind for a long time and I felt like telling it to you. Maybe, also, because I would be very happy if, at least, you wouldn't think this way."

That got me, more than anything else. Here I am in the warmth and comfort of rural Iowa, complaining because there is too much heat in my dorm room. It doesn't rain in my dorm room. And I complain that I don't like the food in the cafeteria. I have food and know I will continue to have food.

And I didn't have to fight for these things. They were given to me by parents determined to make my life better than theirs had been. I've never had to fight for anything or believe in anything enough to die for it. I don't know if I've ever believed that much in anything. I've never suffered. I've never really lost very much.

And all I can do for them is cry and give them a few dollars and tell them it will get better. I don't know if it will. And what I hate most of all is that I'm so damn glad it's not me.

Grandfather's coat brings strong memories

This column is dedicated to the memory of Henry J. Kurtz, my grandfather, who attended Wartburg Academy, Wartburg College (at Clinton) and Wartburg Seminary. Whew.

I have a new coat. It looks somewhat similar to one of my old coats, and it's not exactly a new coat. I had never worn it before and wearing it now makes me remember my grandfather. See, it was his coat. I was the smallest of eight grandsons and it fit only me, and so Grandma gave me his coat.

It's not flashy, nor particularly expensive or fashionable. In fact, if the nice weather continues, I won't need to wear it much at all until fall.

I wear it on campus, and I remember my grandfather. He loved this college and had three children, and those three grandchildren attend Wartburg; the college practically became synonymous with his family.

I remember gathering with my family at Homecoming '89. Everyone was in a crowded room talking noisily. Well, Grandpa couldn't make out conversation in that confusion so he just sat back in his chair and looked at all of us. I was sitting next to him and I put my arm around him. He looked up at me with a smile and a tear in his eye and said, "I'm just so proud of you all."

I remember seeing a yellowed picture in my dad's study. It was a news photo of my dad at his graduation, pictured with my grandfather and great-grandfather. The caption read something like: "Three Generations of Wartburg Graduates." Ever since I came here, I've wanted to be in that picture with my dad and grandpa.

No, it won't happen, but that's okay. I know many people on campus who have lost a grandparent. To be blunt, it sucks, because I love him and miss him. It's an experience we all share at times.

But now I wear this new coat. I wear it proudly and I fondly remember my grandfather, a man who taught me much about life, who lived his faith and taught it well, who left me with two verses from the book of Hebrews that I want to share with you (Heb. 13:20-21).

Kurtz Korner

by Dave Kurtz

"Now may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you complete in every good work to do His will, working in you what is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen."

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letters

Organizers thank International Friends

We would like to thank all the International and U.S. "Friends" who participated in the International Friends program. We would also like to thank Dorothy Diers for all her help in last-minute preparations. We see this program as a success with 120 students involved. We are looking forward to that day when each and every international student can be matched up with a United States Friend.

We believe this program will promote a better understanding and awareness of different cultural values.

Dawn Cutsforth, junior
Sunny Chowdhury, sophomore

Steimel thanks participants of Mid-Winter Weekend

I would like to thank Tricia Darby, Laura Kain and Corinne Fuchs for the creativity and support they have given since October for Mid-Winter Weekend. WE DID IT!

I would like to thank President Vogel and the cabinet for their enthusiasm and willingness. I appreciate the pictures you provided and your presence at the Captain's Meal. The performances were wonderful. I am honored.

Thank you to Todd Masman, Brian Bernhard, Tina Elwood, Marlene Geurts and Jill Kramer for all your help. It all went well thanks to you.

I want to thank Michelle Nieman and Joe Brooks for taking a "back seat" to the weekend. You suffered through my concerns and questions on a daily basis. You are both amazing.

Lastly, I want to thank those who participated in the activities for Mid-Winter Weekend. This includes the International Club, Tri-Beta, and those in the look-alike contest.

Michelle Steimel, senior
SAC-Traditional Events chair

Guest column

Bush does not deserve Nobel Prize

Recently I walked past a newspaper machine outside a Hardee's restaurant and caught a glimpse of a picture of President Bush on the front page. That wasn't too noteworthy, but the caption is what caught my attention: "Nobel Prize," or something like that.

"For what?" I asked myself.

I went inside the Hardee's, grabbed the copy there and read to my horror that some Norwegian legislator had nominated George Bush for the Nobel Peace Prize. I showed the picture to my girlfriend, who said, "They can't be serious, that's crazy." My sentiments exactly.

The story beneath the picture explained that he was nominated for his efforts in promoting peace in the Persian Gulf.

I am deeply troubled by this. How can anyone seriously consider the President for a peace prize when he has caused more violence in two years than any other leader in my lifetime? The Panama invasion (or if you insist, "Operation Just Cause") alone should exclude Bush for several years at least.

Now, Operation Desert Storm promises to bring home more pain, suffering and body bags than any operation in the past 20 years, and its cost to the cause of peace in the region is at least as damaging as the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait was in the first place.

Granted, President Bush worked hard for a peaceful solution, but the fact of the matter is that he failed. I believe that the Nobel Peace Prize is much too important to give to someone who is at least partly to blame for the massacre in the Gulf.

I can only hope that the members of the Nobel Prize committee take this into consideration when they review his nomination and soundly reject it, sending the message to President Bush that no aggressor anywhere will be tolerated by the world community. At least, agressors are certainly not viable candidates for a peace prize.

Gerald C. Manke II
Junior

College should emphasize spirituality for all

by Erik Piper
opinion editor

I don't remember the exact figure, but I think Wartburg's student population is 85 percent Lutheran. In any case, it's a vast majority. But in thinking about Spiritual Emphasis Week and about myself, I wonder: what about the other 15 percent?

Not to say that the college should ignore the majority for whom it was created. If the college does not serve them, it has little purpose for existence. But some of that effort could be diverted, and an extra effort could be made, for the remainder.

One obvious example is Wartburg's Muslim community. Certainly at least some of them would like a time and place set aside for their worship. I am ignorant as to whether Muslims have priests for regular worship, but if they do, could we provide staff for this purpose?

And where is the opportunity for people like me to become less ignorant about other religions? Beyond some time set aside in Human Expression and Foundations of Science, the college makes little effort to describe other religions to students without time to take World Religions.

The college could also make a greater effort to serve the spiritual needs of Hindus and Buddhists. I am sure I have missed a few religions here. So has Wartburg.

And then there are the faithless, like myself. Yes, atheists and agnostics have spiritual needs, too. It is possible for the college to address those needs if it keeps an open mind. A class, program, seminar or anything to help those without religion address spiritual questions would help. I feel cheated when the only way I can express and explore my spirituality is through Christianity, a religion I did not choose.

Wartburg's Lutheran roots are no excuse for ignoring other faiths, either. The college has some very good departments and a good academic reputation. Some of us came for that in spite of having other faiths.

This is not an indictment of the college. But there is no reason to cheat the other 15 percent.

Sophomore requests end to discrimination, prejudice

There is a critical problem on this campus that needs to be addressed. Every day I see some form of discrimination, whether it is racism, sexism, authoritarianism, etc. These are all "ism's" of prejudice, prejudice meaning judging another person without understanding him or her. I see people judging other people without ever having understanding or choosing to want to understand someone different from themselves. This is pure stupidity. Not only is it stupidity, but it is a lack of feeling for humanity.

When I was in basic training for the regular army, my drill sergeant would frequently say, "You are now property of the United States Army. You are here not to understand it but to be trained as soldiers. So when something upsets you, just suck it up and drive on."

I am no longer in the regular army, where I was paid not to think. I am a college student. I am paying to receive a college education. I am quite appalled by observing college students that have never been in the Army, yet have somehow learned not to think as shown in their discrimination.

I am sure we all know being prejudiced is a form of fear often learned from our society. This fear becomes hatred and this hatred too often leads to violence which could lead to war. After taking Person and Society we have learned that violence is an effect of powerlessness. If we now know that fear is at the root of violent actions, and violence is an expression of powerlessness, why do we let fear govern our actions? I am very tired of seeing this every day. The evidence is there for anybody to observe.

I remember an instance when my drill sergeant saw some privates showing discrimination. My platoon was automatically dropped in the front leaning rest (dropped means doing push-ups) and we went into muscle failure. While this was happening our drill sergeant started to slowly and angrily lecture us saying, "There is no color in this army. You are all green and are all privates, so get on the same sheet of music!"

Wartburg College, I beg you to get on the same sheet of music, because it is worth the extra effort to understand someone else. Let this same sheet of music be the song of knowledge and understanding. Also let this become your true reason for being a college student. Let us all realize we are all humans and do have rights and also feelings. Also let us realize there is a call for us to love all humanity and to abolish the classification system of "us vs. them," for "them" is often "us." So Wartburg College, let us unite as one college, acknowledging our diversity by setting aside our selfishness and pride. By doing this let us venture with other students into the world of understanding, so that some day it can be a world of true humanity where we will and will want to listen and understand another's point of view even though it is different from our own.

Heather Robinson
sophomore

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damage caused by the war? Who will pay for the reconstruction costs in the Middle East? Will there be an energy policy in the future? The cost of the war itself is going to be tremendous. Some people from the Reagan administration have predicted that a short war of five to six months will cost the United States more than $50 billion."

She said the U.S. economy is tied to crude oil prices that have been on a rollercoaster ride since the invasion of Kuwait, largely because no energy policy was developed in the '70s when the U.S. was forewarned of what could happen.

"Despite the warning, we now import more than 50 percent of what we need, 10 percent of that previously coming from Iraq and Kuwait."

She said that because of oil dependency there is real concern among economists about the present recession and rising inflation.

Frick said one of the reasons for U.S. attitudes and policies in the Middle East is the misconceptions Americans, including some in the present administration, have about the Arab world.

"The Middle East has been portrayed as a backwater world, peopled largely by the uneducated who are enormously wealthy because of the oil they happen to own."

He said the Arabs are aware of those prejudices, and as a result, Arab nationalism developed out of a movement started at American University by Arab intellectuals. He said the history of the Middle East has been one of injustice since the end of World War II, culminating in the ouster of the Palestinians from their homeland, and consequently, the Arabs no longer trust the West.

Frick said the Arabs have a strong sense of honor and pride, "pride that is strong and unrelenting." He said that calling Hussein by his first name instead of by his correct title is viewed by the Arabs as an insult and that the "John Wayne" methods of expression by the administration are the equivalent of "throwing down the gauntlet." He believes that the refusal to meet with King Hussein of Jordan will eventually lead to a breakup of the Arab Coalition currently allied against Iraq.

"One of the sinister aspects of this war that has been little talked about is the destruction of archaeological treasures and early historical religious sites," Frick said.

Price discussed the controversial role of the media, especially the electronic media, in war coverage and noted that technology has changed the method as well as the philosophy of coverage, probably forever.

"We saw the war start live, and it has continued live since," he said. "However, we are seeing a highly managed version from both sides, and we are not seeing what is actually happening. This leads to a choreographed version of how successful our air power has been. The Pentagon has decided that the American people will not see on television what they saw in Vietnam, and this is the type of war that neatly leads to news management."

Price said the end result of this war will not be anything to celebrate. He said the country and media must move beyond the simplistic "Get Hussein" mentality. The media must examine its own role and start to deal with such issues as how we deal with Arab hatred after the war rather than continue only as competitors for viewers and readers.

"The networks border on exploitation of the viewer," he said. "There has been too much effort for live coverage and not enough put into editing."

Price warned that the public and the press are still to be tested by the Persian Gulf War.

"As in the past when the news has been bad, there is a temptation to kill the messenger."

CIIIN has wet weekend; leaks 'unavoidable'

by Brenda Haines

Clinton III North was home to Wartburg's only swimming pool last weekend.

That was the term Staff Assistant Anissa Marth, junior, used to describe the ceiling leak which plagued the third floor from Friday to Tuesday.

"It was like a big lake or a swimming pool," Marth said.

Resident Assistant Amy Schimpf, junior, noticed the leak Friday afternoon.

"I came back from class and found this wet paper towel on the floor...so I found a bucket in the maintenance closet and put it out," Schimpf said.

That bucket was just the beginning. When Schimpf returned from the weekend, she found five large containers catching water from the leaking roof. Four were almost immediately outside her door.

"It was a real inconvenience," Schimpf said. "Debbie [Dunklee, junior], Anissa and I had to mop up the mess, and every time I opened my door, I had to look at and smell it."

The leak was unavoidable, Glen Kramer, maintenance engineer, said.

"It happens every winter," Kramer said. "The freezing and thawing makes the roof crack and when the moisture gets in, it starts to drip. We expect it might happen again in a month or two."

Damage was reportedly minor. The leak did, however, cause the fire alarms to be set off repeatedly in Clinton on Friday night.

"Maintenance wouldn't come to look at it so we finally just had to disconnect it," Marth said.

"The alarm system is OK," Kramer said. "We just dried it out and put it back up. Otherwise, we just need to repaint in a couple of rooms. It happens every year; we'll repaint in summer."

Resident Ann Van Oort, freshman, did not heed the drip as lightly. Van Oort and her roommate, freshman Tanya "TJ" Williams, still have a leak and a bucket inside the door.

"When it gets warmer, it starts to drip again," Van Oort said. "It smells up our room. They can't fix it until all the layers of ice melt."

"As long as we have flat roofs in Iowa, it's going to happen," Kramer said.

Women's conference to promote global dialogue, senior says

by Jennifer Amos

The sixth annual women's conference at Wartburg, "Women in Conversation with Our Worlds," will be Saturday, Feb. 23.

"'Women in Conversation with Our Worlds' is a crucial theme to explore in our community because we need to think more globally," senior Christie Mase said. "Promoting dialogue is the first step to thinking globally."

Three sessions of presentations will be given during the day. Each session contains a choice of three programs.

The programs will cover such topics as dealing with conflict, rape, disabilities, women writers, women as consumers, burn-out and the advancement of women in the past 50-60 years.

"I think it's important for men to attend because these are not only women's issues; they're society's issues," senior Jill Smith said. "I would especially like to see men at the rape sessions because rape really is a men's issue also."

Any student interested in attending the conference should contact Dr. Edith Waldstein, associate professor of humanities.

Former head librarian dies

Perna S. Lohn, 87, a former head librarian at Wartburg, died Friday, Feb.1 at Bartels Lutheran Home in Waverly.

Lohn was born on April 8, 1903, in Osage, Iowa. She attended rural school at the Lohn School House at St. Ansgar. At 15 she moved with her family to Northfield, MN, where she completed high school and attended St. Olaf College. She graduated with a B.A. in history in 1925. She received her Library Science Degree from the University of Minnesota.

Lohn became head librarian at Wartburg in 1943, after working 11 years at Carleton College in Northfield. At Wartburg she was instumental in the development of Engelbrecht Library, which was new at the time. She retired in 1968 after 25 years with the college.

Lohn was a member of the A.A.U.W., Delta Kappa Gamma, the American Library Association and Wartburg Women.

Christian show added to KWAR line-up

by Brenda Haines

Programming for KWAR now includes a Christian music show.

The show made its debut Sunday. It features one-half hour of syndicated music and one and one-half hours of open programming.

Freshmen Lori Dick and Dana Hauschildt host the show, broadcast on Sundays from 5 to 7 p.m.

Christian broadcasting has been a part of KWAR's programming in the past.

"We've had a show like this in the past with much success," said Station Manager Eric Dawson, junior. "I'm not sure how big the on-campus audience will be, but within the community a show like this should be popular."

Dick and Hauschildt hope the show will be a success.

"I think there is probably a large audience out there," Hauschildt said. "Once we begin to publicize the show, the audience will become apparent."

The show is a new endeavor for both.

"This is something entirely new," Dick said. "We didn't know we were doing it until two days ago. We are both really excited though."

Program Director Richard "Matt" Ricketts, freshman, arranged the new program.

"Eventually, what we'd like to do is work into two syndicated shows," Ricketts said. "That way we would have one hour of preprogrammed material and one hour of free programming."

Other new programming includes Dawson's Thursday night show airing from 7 to 9 and featuring progressive rock and roll.

The Wartburg Issues segment of the News Drive will also stage a comeback beginning this week. Airing on Tuesdays and Thursdays, the segment will offer the insights of leaders of various on-campus groups. Upcoming events or goals of these groups will be the topic of discussion.

Future programming plans for KWAR include finding individuals interested in covering the 5:30-7 p.m. shift. The program's format is alternative rock music. Interested individuals should contact Dawson or Ricketts.

KWAR programming schedule:

Sunday	Mark Cuthbertson	Renae Burau	Lori Dick/Dana Hauschildt	
	12:00-2:30	2:30-5:00	5:00-7:00	
Monday	News Drive	Raiders of the Lost Radio Show	Wes Golden	Matt Ricketts
	3:30-5:30	7:00-9:00	9:00-11:00	11:00-1:00
Tuesday	News Drive	Nate Lawrence	Nate Hill	Ed Veasey/Chris Roby
	3:30-5:30	7:00-9:00	9:00-11:00	11:00-1:30
Wednesday	News Drive	Erik Piper/Jerry Manke	Wednesday Show	Matt Ricketts
	3:30-5:30	6:30-8:00	8:00-10:00	10:00-12:00
Thursday	News Drive	Eric Dawson		
	3:30-5:30	7:00-9:00		
Friday	News Drive	Lee Johnson		
	3:30-5:30	6:00-8:00		

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Art students win contest; designs used by Self Help

by Angie Hellmann

Two Wartburg art students have won an art design contest sponsored by the Self Help Foundation.

Self Help is a local non-profit foundation that studies and implements mechanization in third-world countries.

Junior Nita Hudeyuki designed the winning poster for the foundation. Senior Yuko Wada created a design for envelopes. Both the poster and the envelope are part of a media kit that will be sent to many churches and potential donors.

The artwork portrays the foundation's goal: to reduce hunger and promote self-reliance by offering technical assistance and training to small farmers and small-scale rural enterprise programs.

"I thought [the contest] was a good opportunity and it will help prepare me for the future," said Hudeyuki, who would like to work for an advertising agency.

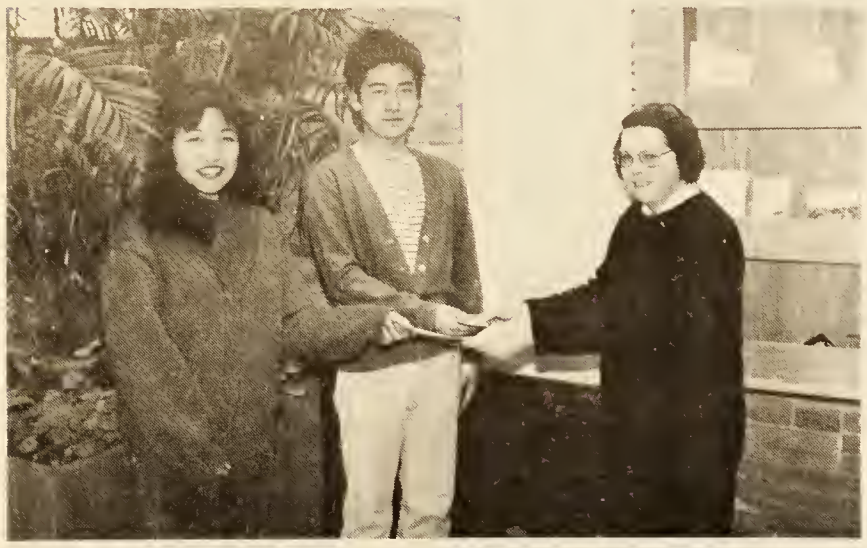
Wada said she also benefited from the contest.

"I'm glad to know what the Self Help Foundation is doing for other countries, and participating was a good experience for me."

Upon graduation, Wada plans to marry and work as a commercial design artist.

Lew Hille, executive director of Self Help was very pleased with the results of the art design contest. Hille said the designs will be used immediately.

Self Help awarded Hudeyuki and Wada each with a $25 prize as winners of the contest.



DESIGN CONTEST WINNERS—Art students Nita Hudeyuki, junior, center, and Yuko Wada, senior, right, are presented with their prizes for winning a design contest sponsored by the Self Help Foundation. Representing the foundation is Lorna Hoversten, a public relations volunteer.

Newsbriefs

Dr. Anne Carlsen, associated with the Anne Carlsen School for Handicapped Children in Jamestown, ND, for more than 50 years, will speak at convocation Thursday, Feb. 14. The convocation begins at 9:30 a.m. in Neumann Auditorium.

The Castle Singers will present its annual Valentine Dinner Concert Friday, Feb. 15, at 6 p.m. in Buhr Lounge. Tickets are $10 and may be reserved in advance at the Information Desk.

Billie McLaughlin, vocalist, will perform Tuesday, Feb. 26, at 8 p.m. in Buhr Lounge.

An all-campus Lenten service of Holy Communion begins Ash Wednesday at 10 a.m. in Neumann Auditorium. Ashes of repentence will be used in the service and the Wartburg Choir will sing.

Camp counselors will lead chapel Friday at 10:15 a.m. in Buhr Lounge.

Josh McDowell's "Maximum Sex" will show at 7 and 9 p.m. in the Den.

The Spiritual Emphasis Week Committee will hold a Coffeehouse Thursday in Buhr Lounge at 7:30 p.m. and a games and movie night Friday in the East Room at 9 p.m.

Habitat for Humanity will sponsor a service project in Waterloo Saturday.

Student researchers will conduct a telephone survey examining the perceptions and needs of students regarding Wartburg's counseling services. Researchers will call during the weeks of Feb. 11, 18 and 25, and the interview should take 15 minutes. Student cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

Bill Byrne, entrepreneur and author of the up coming book "Will the Next Millionaire Entrepreneur Please Stand Up," will speak Monday, Feb. 11, at 7 p.m. in Buhr Lounge on "Creating Wealth Ethically."

Interest Sessions for students planning to apply to be Student Orientation Leaders for the fall of 1991 will be held Wednesday, Feb. 13, at 6 p.m. in the East Room and Thursday, Feb. 14, at 3:45 p.m. in the Student Union Conference Room. Students unable to attend a session may receive the application materials in the Student Activities Office. Deadline for applications is

Opera workshop to present two shows

by Craig Gustafson

The Operas "From Maid to Mistress" and "Sweet Betsy from Pike (A Horse Opera)" will be presented Saturday and Sunday by the Opera Workshop Class.

Both operas will be presented each day in Neumann Auditorium, at 8 p.m on Saturday and 4 p.m. on Sunday.

"From Maid to Mistress," composed by Giovanni Pergolesi, is the story of a young woman determined to marry her employer, said Dr. Merry Belz, assistant professor of music and course instructor.

"He doesn't know that she is in love with him, however," Belz said.

The plot of the opera revolves around her attempts to reveal her rapture.

"'Sweet Betsy from Pike' is basically a pantomime," said Belz.

Set at the turn of the century, it is a story of a young woman and her lover as they cross the Great Plains.

"It is about her love and how it catches up with her," Belz said.

The opera was composed by Mark Bucci and based on the folksong of the same name.

Saturday's cast for "Sweet Betsy from Pike" includes freshman Nancy Newland as Betsy, senior Phil Frana as Ike, and freshman Tara Frideres as the Narrator. On Sunday, seniors Carmen Bears and Brian Lehman and junior Julie Holtan play the roles.

"From Maid to Mistress's" cast on Saturday includes sophomore Dan Mahraun as Doctor Umberto, sophomore Diane Maulsby as Serpina and senior Ross Aumundson as Vespone. Junior Tom Alpers, senior Julie Martin and Amundson sing the roles on Sunday.

Directing the shows on both nights will be Amy Van Laningham, junior.

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Remain in race for conference title

Women pick up two key road wins

by Lance Holub

The Wartburg women's basketball team picked up two key wins this past weekend as they defeated Loras 80-66 on Friday and bombed Dubuque 84-36 on Saturday.

The wins move the Knights record to 17-6 overall and 10-3 in conference play.

On Friday, the Knights traveled to Dubuque, needing a win to stay in the race for the conference title.

The Knights were plagued by turnovers as they committed 16 in the first half.

"I was dissappointed with our first half of play," Coach Monica Severson said. "We were not mentally into the game and I think that showed in our game."

The poor play by Wartburg allowed the DuHawks to take a four-point lead at the half, 38-34.

After the break, the Knights started to put things together and get back into the game.

"We really picked up the intensity in the second half," Severson said.

The Loras offense got cold, shooting just 34 percent from the field in the second half.

Loras' poor shooting combined with the improved play of the Wartburg offense allowed the Knights to take the lead for good.

"This was a really tough game for us," Severson said. "It was much closer than the 14-point difference in the end.

Leading the Knights' offense was sophomore Kathy Roberts with 26 points, 10 rebounds and four blocked shots.

Following Roberts was junior Lisa Uhlenhopp with 21 points and 11 rebounds. Senior Delaina Doll finished the game with nine points, and sophomore Carrie Peterson added eight points and five steals.

Win big over Dubuque

The Knights had little trouble in their game against the Spartans of Dubuque, as they held the host team to just 14 points in the first half.

"I thought that we played very well," Severson said. "We concentrated on doing things the way they are to be done."

The Knights had eight players get into the scoring coulmn which led them to a 30 point lead at the half, 44-14.

In the second half, the Knights offense shot a blistering 60 percent from the field to put the Spartans out of the game for good.

"I was glad to see our team not play at the level of Dubuque," Severson said. "We were able to work on doing things well."

Leading the Knights in scoring was Roberts with 19 points, 11 rebounds and four steals.

Uhlenhopp was next with 14 points and seven boards. Peterson scored 10 points and pulled down five rebounds. Sophomores Laura Berkeland and Kelly Gee each finished the game with eight points.

"We were able to play some very consistent basketball against Dubuque," Severson said.

The Knights are on the road this week as they travel to Indianola to take on the Lady Reds of Simpson. The game is scheduled to begin at 6 p.m.

"It will be difficult to beat Simpson on the road, but we are capable of beating them if we play well," Severson said.

Tied with Central for first

Knights split tough games in Dubuque

by Kevin Studer

The Wartburg men's basketball squad split two games on one of the toughest and most important road trips of the year.

On Friday the Knights fell behind early and succumbed to the fourth-place Loras Duhawks 90-83. On Saturday, the Wartburg men rebounded against the third-place Dubuque Spartans for a hard-fought 102-95 victory.

The Knight's record now stands at 20-3 overall and 11-2 in the conference. Wartburg is tied with Central for the league lead with Dubuque and Loras behind them.

Streak Continues

The Knights' road loss was the fourth time in a row at Loras. Both teams shot close to 60 percent from the field in the first half but Wartburg found themselves down 54-44 at halftime. The Knights closed the gap in the second half and tied the game numerous times but failed to take the lead.

"We were our own worst enemy in the second half," Head Coach "Buzz" Levick said. "Poor shot selection and costly turnovers kept us in the hole."

Wartburg could not stop Loras' Chris Jans, the league leader in scoring with a 27.4 average. Jans, who has already broke the IIAC mark for three-pointers in a season, popped in seven treys for 31 points.

"It was a bitter game to endure," Levick said. "The loss helped us against Dubuque, giving us incentive and intensity."

Senior Todd Reinhardt led Wartburg with 26 points and four assists. Senior Dan Nettleton dropped in 17 points. Junior Lance Haupt scored 16 points and pulled down six rebounds. Senior Mark Olenius added 13 points and snatched 10 boards. Senior Jeff Panek popped in seven points.

Emotional victory

On Saturday, the Knights picked up a big win over Dubuque. It was Wartburg's first win over the Spartans at Dubuque in their last seven tries. Both teams were even in almost every statistic in the end except one, the final score. The score at halftime was 46-46 and both teams shot close to 55 percent from the floor.

The Knights were down by four with eight minutes to go and then went on a 11 point run. Wartburg sealed the win making their final 12 free throws.

"It was the finest game in the Wartburg-Dubuque series for both teams," Levick said. "We had great performances from all our starters, and Dubuque played well also."

Nettleton posted a season-high 26 points and grabbed four rebounds against last years conference MVP Dave Crawford. Nettleton also had an excellent game on the defensive end of the court holding Crawford, who averages 25 points and nine rebounds, to 13 points and three rebounds, all defensive.

"We're more of a team, we play together well and we did what we had to for the win," Levick said.

Following Nettleton, Reinhardt poured in 22 points and pulled down seven rebounds. Panek also had excellent performance popping in 17 points. Olenius scored 15 points and snatched eight boards. Haupt added 12 points and grabbed five rebounds. Junior Brad Horstmann added six points.

Next Saturday the Knights travel to Indianola to take on the Simpson Redmen. Simpson, 7-5 in conference play and 13-9 overall, is on a three game winning streak.

"This is a very big game for us," Levick said. "If we want to win the conference we have to win every game from here on out."

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Defeat Simpson, UI

Wrestlers look ahead to conference meet

by Daurine Anderson

It was a successful week for the 16th ranked Wartburg wrestling team as they upset 10th-ranked Simpson, 26-14, Tuesday and Upper Iowa, 39-9, Saturday.

Against Simpson, senior Stacy Flege started the meet with a tie at 118 pounds. Freshman Jason Oehlke followed with a 15-0 technical fall over his opponent. Sophomores Lance Christenson (158 pounds) and Lyndon Van Raden (177 pounds) won by decisions, 5-1 and 14-4.

Two consecutive pins by freshman Jon Dawley at 190 pounds and senior Jerad Kruse at heavyweight gave Wartburg the boost they needed to win the meet.

Easy win

Upper Iowa forfeited four matches to wrap up another victory for the Knights. Winning by forfeit were Oehlke, Van Raden, Dawley and freshman Tony Norton (142 pounds).

Senior Troy Moss won 14-9 at 142 pounds. Hogan and senior Mike Crawford (167 pounds) each won by technical fall. Christenson drew with his opponent 4-4.

The Knights are now 12-7 in dual meets on the season.

They will be at Decorah on Saturday for the Iowa Conference Tournament.

WARTBURG 26 Simpson 14

118 Flege (W) drew with Rowray 7-7
126 Oehlke (W) tech. fall over Peterson
134 Vinton (S) beat Gaede 5-3
142 Barnes (S) beat Norton 12-5
150 Young (S) beat Hogan 4-2
158 Christenson (W) beat Schmidtel 5-1
167 Ridout (S) beat Crawford
177 Van Raden (W) beat Sherwood 14-4
190 Dawley (W) pinned Kuehl
Hwt. Kruse (W) pinned Henry

WARTBURG 39 Upper Iowa 9

118 Gilley (UI) beat Flege 9-1
126 Oehlke (W) won by forfeit
134 Moss (W) beat Islas 14-9
142 Norton (W) won by forfeit
150 Hogan (W) tech. fall over Britcher
158 Christenson (W) drew with Magayna 4-4
167 Crawford (W) tech. fall over Rutherford
177 Van Raden (W) won by forfeit
190 Dawley (W) won by forfeit
Hwt. Goeller (UI) beat Kruse 3-2

SPORTS STATS

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

at Loras

WARTBURG (80)
Bromley 2-3 0-0 4, Gee 1-2 0-0 2, Toale 2-4 0-0 4, Judas 0-2 2-2 2, Uhlenhopp 9-17 3-4 21, Miller 2-3 0-0 4, Doll 2-3 5-6 9, Roberts 10-16 6-8 26, Peterson 2-5 4-6. Totals 30-56 20-27 80.

Loras (66)
Dalsing 2-7 0-0 5, Cayro 9-18 4-4 22, Fleege 2-8 0-0 4, Geers 11-18 0-0 22, Clarke 2-4 3-4 7, Francois 3-8 0-0 6. Totals 29-63 7-8 66.

at Dubuque

WARTBURG (84)
Bromley 3-7 0-0 6, Gee 4-6 0-0 8, Toale 1-3 0-0 2, Bowman 2-6 2-2 6, Judas 2-2 1-2 5, Berkeland 3-4 2-2 8, Uhlenhopp 7-10 0-0 14, Miller 1-3 0-0 2, Maahs 2-3 0-0 4, Roberts 8-13 3-4 19, Peterson 5-12 0-0 10. Totals 38-71 8-10 84.

Dubuque (36)
Nowachek 1-4 0-1 2, Moore 8-26 0-1 16, Clasen 2-14 3-5 8, Hanrahan 4-12 0-2 8, Stender 1-4 0-0 2. Totals 16-62 3-9 36.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

at Loras

WARTBURG (83)
Olenius 4-17 3-4 13, Haupt 7-10 3-4 16, Nettleton 8-9 1-2 17, Panek 3-5 1-1 7, Reinhardt 10-17 2-3 26, Horstmann 1-2 0-0 2, Stulken 1-1 0-1 2. Totals 34-62 9-14 83.

Loras (90)
Collins 3-4 0-0 6, Jans 9-22 6-6 31, Schermerhorn 1-3 4-4 7, Ortiz 2-2 0-0 4, Snelson 9-14 1-3 19, Heilers 3-4 0-1 6, Mulcrone 3-6 0-1 9, Carter 2-5 4-4 8. Totals 32-61 15-19 90.

at Dubuque

WARTBURG (102)
Olenius 5-11 2-2 15, Haupt 5-10 2-2 12, Nettleton 12-16 2-3 26, Panek 4-6 6-6 17, Reinhardt 6-12 7-8 22, Horstmann 2-6 0-0 6, Stulken 1-3 0-0 2, Pickett 1-3 0-0 2. Totals 36-68 19-21 102.

Dubuque (95)
Crawford 6-12 1-2 13, McLaughlin 0-2 1-2 1, Hanson 5-11 2-2 13, Bennett 7-10 1-2 21, Rogers 10-16 2-2 24, Specht 2-4 0-0 4, Hubbard 8-11 0-0 19. Totals 38-66 7-10 95.

Relay breaks record

Track teams run well at Platteville Invite

by Lance Holub

The Wartburg men's and women's track teams began their season Saturday with the Platteville Invitational.

There were no team scores kept for the meet in the seven team fields.

"I thought that this was a very good meet for us," Coach Steve Johnson said. "Our people ran very competitive and intense."

Record broken

On the men's side, the highlight of the day came in the 4X200 meter relay when the foursome of freshman Burke Swenson, junior John Hintz, freshman Tony Goodrich and sophomore Trent Holmberg broke the school record with a time of 1:35.24.

Also placing first for the Knights was senior Brad Thompson in the 5000 meter run with a time of 15:35.7.

The men's team collected 4 second place finishes. Junior Todd Houge in the 5000 meter run. Holmberg in the the 200 meter dash. Hintz in the 55 meter hurdles and junior P.J. Holbach in the shot put.

Finishing third were junior Kevin Kearney in the 1000 meter run and freshman Gary Arends in the high jump.

Junior Matt Duffee collected the Knights only fourth-place finish, that coming in the 600 meter run.

"I think that we are off to a very good start," Johnson said. "Our runners really went after it today."

Women run well

The women's team had two runners bring home first place finishes.

Freshman Laura Garton just missed the school record as she placed first in the 3000 meter run with a time of 10:53.2, and sophomore Kris Bouman topped the field in the 1000 meter run, finishing in 3:15.0.

"I thought we ran very well today even though our conditioning is not at a very high level," Johnson said.

The women's team also captured 6 second place finishes: sophomore Sally Balvin in the 1000 meter run; sophomore Suz Smolik in the shot put; and the 4X400 meter relay team of, senior Angie Heilmann, freshman Anne Altmann, senior Kim Folkerts and sophomore Val Foreman.

Foreman also finished second in the 600 meter run.

Also placing second were sophomore Amy Blank in the 200 meter hurdles and the 4X200 meter relay team of Heilmann, senior Sue Chapman, freshman Sarah Karim and Folkerts.

Finishing third for the women's team were Bouman in the high jump, Chapman in the 300 meter run, freshman Bridget Carney in the 1500 meter run, Altmann in the 400 meter run, freshman Tammy Schwinefus in the 55 meter hurdles and sophomore Laura Max in the 5000 meter run.

Freshman Shelley Hammond finished fourth in the shot put.

"We are now focusing on the outdoor season and trying to qualify people for the Small College Championships," Johnson said.

The men's and women's teams are on the road this weekend as they travel to Cedar Falls for the UNI Open.

The women's meet will be run on Friday and the men's will start on Saturday.

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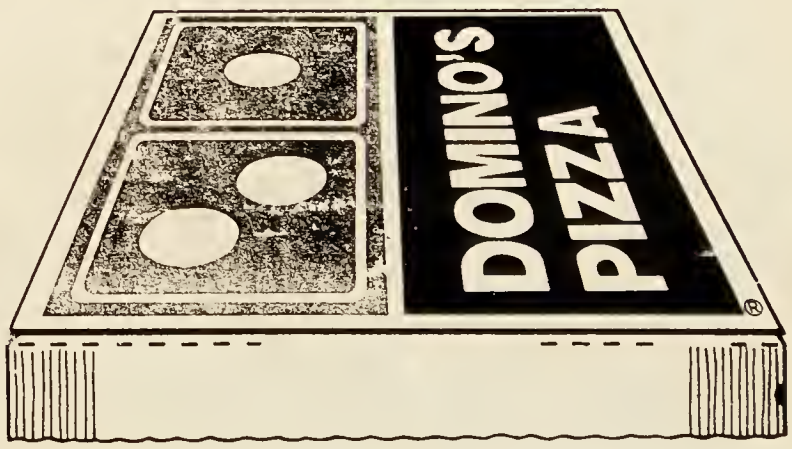

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Bride tells an Indian love story

by Brenda Thompson

It wasn't her ornately painted hands, his arrival on a white horse or the predominance of red turbans that made Ruppa and senior Supreet "Babu" Singh Gill's wedding unusual, at least not by Indian standards.

"Ours was a love marriage," Ruppa Gill said with a smile. "But arranged marriages are very common."

Ruppa and "Babu" were married Dec. 14 in Bombay, India.

"The family is very important in India," she said. "They had holidays during Christmas time and could be there; we took that into account."

They had a traditional Sikh wedding ceremony. The ceremony, which had several parts, started in August with an engagement party.

"The girl gives gifts of gold chains, ornaments and clothes to the boy's family," Ruppa said. "The girl's parents also give as a token of love a gift of cash and sweets to his relatives."

Ruppa said her mother distributed over 100 boxes of sweets to the party's 500 guests. Ruppa's engagement outfit including shoes and jewelry was a gift from Supreet's family. This part of the ceremony ended with the couple exchanging rings and cutting an engagement cake.

The ceremony of the henna takes place a few days before the actual wedding ceremony. In it the bride has her hands and feet ornately painted.

"It took three or four hours with one woman painting on each hand and foot," Ruppa said.

The blackish paint is left on for six to eight hours; the maroonish color left afterwards lasts two or three weeks, Ruppa said. All the women at the ceremony may also apply henna.

On the morning they were married, Babu arrived at the hotel where the ceremony took place on a decorated white steed. Dressed in a traditional white suit complete with sword and turban, Ruppa's brothers carried him through the crowd dancing in the street and into the hotel.

"It's like how princes and princesses used to marry," Ruppa said.

After the men on both sides greeted each other and exchanged flower galands, Babu waited for his bride at the end of the aisle. Ruppa was dressed in the traditional red wedding gown. The priest sat in the middle of the ceremony and read the rites. Babu then led Ruppa in four turns around the holy book.

"He led me by a pink veil which his father tied in a knot to a red veil I was wearing," Ruppa said. "This symbolizes that we will be together forever."

They made promises to each other similar to Christian wedding vows. Babu then gave a black beaded chain around Ruppa's neck and placed a pinch of red powder on her forehead.

"These things signify that a woman is married," Ruppa said.

The ceremony ended as they exchanged garlands of fresh flowers and sought the families' blessings by bowing and touching their feet.

"The whole ceremony only takes about 15 minutes," Ruppa said.

The reception the next day was the first part of the ceremony paid for by the groom's family.

Although Ruppa grew up right next door to Babu she couldn't visit her parents for a couple days after the ceremony.

"After the girl is married she goes to live at the boy's house," Ruppa said. "Three days after the marriage she may visit her parents and the in-laws go with. My mom gave gifts again to thank Babu's family for taking me to visit."

She took nothing from her home. All her clothes and jewelry were newly bought by the groom's family to symbolize the new beginning, Ruppa said.

The wedding festivities ended after 40 days of marriage with the ceremony of the red bangles.

"Before the wedding ceremony there is a purity ceremony," Ruppa said. "The boy's family washes the girl's face with a paste, and she takes a bath in pure milk. When she dresses for the ceremony she wears 40 red bangles [bracelets]. They symbolize purity."

On the day the bride takes off her bangels, she prepares and presents a single sweet to her mother and father-in-law, Ruppa said. This is the first cooking or cleaning she has done since her arrival in her husband's home. It signifies her readiness to take up her duties in the family.

While Babu said there is no big difference in his life since the marriage, Ruppa has discovered many new responsibilities.

"Everyone's say is important in our families," Ruppa said. "As a bride I take the place of my mother-in-law [who is deceased]. If we were home I would serve my father-in-law tea in the morning and run the house. My sister-in-law will soon have a baby in California. I'm going to take the role of her mother; I going there to take care of her and the baby....My father-in-law always says, 'Take care of Gogi [sophomore, Babu's sister]' to me on the phone."

Ruppa is certain she and Babu will never divorce. Divorce is unheard of in India despite the arranged marriages.

"In the United States you marry the girl you love. In India you love the girl you marry," Ruppa said.

She and Babu have the best of both worlds.

THE BEAUTIFUL BRIDE—Ruppa Gill displays the customary artwork adorning an Indian bride. The application process took three or four hours and some color remained for three weeks. Below, Ruppa and senior Supreet "Babu" Gill pose for their wedding picture.

Dinner marks Chinese New Year

by Brenda Thompson

Lanterns hang from the ceiling, place-mats depicting animals and predicting fortunes line the tables and red envelopes with money inside are handed out at the door.

Friday is the third annual Chinese New Year dinner sponsored by the Food Council and the International Club.

"We try to meet student need for special meals and functions," Don Juhl, director of food service, said. "Our goal is one special dinner each month. It happens that this February there are four."

International students are asked to suggest a menu for the Chinese New Year meal. The International Club also buys the place-mats and decorates the dining hall.

The Chinese food served isn't quite authentic according to freshman Joyce Chang. She described one traditional New Year's dish called "Jatzu."

"It is meat, generally beef or pork, wrapped in a roll," she said. "We also put a coin in one of them. If a man eats the Jazu with the coin in it, next year he will be very lucky."

The red envelopes handed out at the door are a tradition Chang remembers from home.

"Before midnight New Year's Day everyone takes a shower and dresses in new clothes—shoes, jewelry, everything," Chang said. "At night parents give their children a gift of money in a red envelope."

The sparkles handed out outside the cafeteria also root in Chinese tradition.

"In ancient times the people believed that a beast came out to eat people in the last day of the year," Chang said. "And every year a couple people would disappear. They began setting off fireworks to scare the beast away."

In China the whole family will stay up until midnight when then children let off the fireworks. Then the family dines together.

"It is a time of unity," Chang said, "maybe the most important evening of the year."

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